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January 10, 2000

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 802

Dale Snyder Absolute Mining and Minerals, LLC 1350 East 145 South Lehi, Utah 84043

Re:

Rescheduling of On-site Meeting, Absolute Mining and Minerals LLC (AMMI), Dolores River Placer Operations, S/019/035, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Thank you for your attendance at the attempted on-site meeting on January 5, 2000. The snow cover present in the area prevented an accurate examination of the project area. The Division and BLM will coordinate with you to reschedule the on-site meeting for another date in the immediate future as soon as field conditions allow. Field conditions will be evaluated immediately prior to the proposed meeting date to avoid another rescheduling. Please provide us with an update on suitable field conditions as you become aware of them. BLM and Division staff will also check for suitable field conditions as work schedules allow. Attempts will be made to provide all parties with one week advance notice, however, given that this is the winter season that much advance notice may be difficult.

As a result of this delay, the terms and conditions of the Division's Informal Hearing determination dated December 3, 1999, will remain in effect until the on-site meeting can be held. Specifically, AMMI is allowed to continue operating under the terms and conditions of the approved plan of operations. No new disturbances are allowed and no additional work is authorized on the unpermitted hill top area which was recently disturbed.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed rescheduling of the on-site meeting please contact Wayne Hedberg at your earliest convenience at (801) 538-5286, or Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5267. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton

Hearing Officer

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